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# COUNSELOR CONNECTION

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HIGH SCHOOL



## 2007–2008 publications are being distributed

The 2007–2008 versions of *Affording Higher Education* and *Adults Returning to School* from KHEAA and The Student Loan People will soon be delivered to your school.

*Affording Higher Education* includes nearly 4,300 financial aid programs available to Kentucky students. These publications are not distributed to students but will be available at high school and public libraries and financial aid offices.

*Adults Returning to School* is a valuable resource containing much of the same information as *Getting In*, as well as additional material geared to nontraditional students.

If you're interested in copies of *Adults Returning to School*, please contact the KHEAA/ Student Loan People outreach counselor for your area or call Summer Gortney at 502.696.7377.

*Adults Returning to School* and *Affording Higher Education* can be found on [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

## 2008–2009 paper FAFSAs unavailable

2008–2009 Paper FAFSAs will not be available for schools to order via FSAPubs. Students will be able to obtain a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll free at 800.433.3243. Students may request up to three copies of the paper application and should receive their FAFSAs in three to seven days.

Students are encouraged to use the online method for filing the application.

New for 2008–2009 is a PDF version of the FAFSA that students can submit for processing. The PDF version of the FAFSA will be available for download from [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov). Students can download the PDF, complete the form on the computer or by hand, and mail it to the address provided for processing. Schools can also access the PDF at [www.FSAPubs.org](http://www.FSAPubs.org).

The FAFSA on the Web Worksheet, which students can use to make the online application process easier, will still be available for bulk order by schools.

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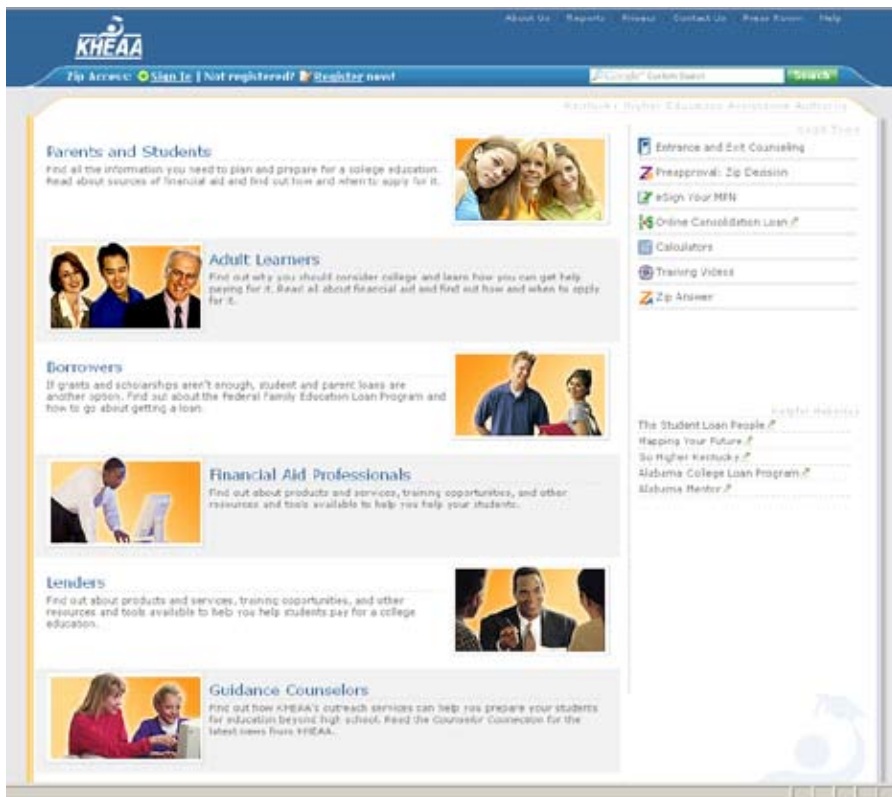
## KHEAA's website gets a user-friendly redesign

KHEAA's website got a new look on Oct. 22 when a redesigned version went live. The impetus behind the redesign was to make the website more user-friendly.

A screen shot of the new home page is at right. It gives the various groups of users entryways to the information each needs.

As you can see, we've added an entryway so guidance counselors can get to the information they need to help their students.

Please notice the new placement of the Zip Access sign-in area at the top of the page. Zip Access is the place students need to go to find out about their KEES awards and the other financial aid programs that KHEAA administers.



## U.S. Department of Education upgrades FAFSA4caster

Upgrades have been made to the Department of Education's federal student financial aid estimator website, FAFSA4caster. Available in English and Spanish at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov), the site helps students receive their estimated expected family contribution (EFC), simplifies the FAFSA process by pre-filling various questions on the form and provides assistance on next steps to apply for college admission, apply for federal student aid, and offers information on how to pay for college. According to guidance issued by the Department, the enhancements to the site include:

- Students can now receive federal student aid award estimates for 12 different school scenarios that include: four-year or two-year schools, public or private schools, in-state or out-of state residency, and on-campus or off-campus housing:
- The site automatically generates a Federal Student Aid PIN to electronically sign the FAFSA and allows students who have a MYFSA account on Student Aid on the Web to choose to transfer their demographic information to FAFSA4caster:
- The site sends reminder notices to students in early January to complete the FAFSA.



## Free financial aid workshops scheduled in four counties

Today, there are many sources of financial aid that can help ease the pressure of paying for college. To help you with financial planning, Jefferson County Public Schools, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), The Student Loan People, PNC Bank, Bellarmine University, Jefferson Community and Technical College, Spalding University, Sullivan University and the University of Louisville invite parents and students to attend a free financial aid workshop.

These workshops are offered as a public service regardless of your college choice.

Financial aid experts will discuss how to apply for grants, scholarships, loans and work-study programs. They will also preview the 2008–2009 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet. The FAFSA must be filed to receive financial aid.

**All workshops begin at 7 p.m.  
You need to be present for the entire session.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Room</u>
November 12	South Oldham High School	Cafeteria
November 13	Fairdale High School	Cafeteria
November 14	Eastern High School Waggener High School	Auditorium Large Cafeteria
November 15	Butler High School Ballard High School Western High School Jeffersontown High School	Cafeteria Room E-251 Library Seminar Room
November 26	Manual High School	Auditorium
November 27	Central High School Seneca High School	Room 104 Large Cafeteria
December 3	Atherton High School	Library
December 6	Male High School North Bullitt High School Shawnee High School	Cafeteria Library Cafeteria
January 10	Southern High School	Auditorium
January 14	Pleasure Ridge Park High School Shelby County High School	Tech Building Library/Media Center
January 15	Valley High School Brown School	Cafeteria Auditorium
January 22	Iroquois High School	Cafeteria
January 29	Bellarmine University	Cralle Theater, Wyatt Hall

**Workshops will be canceled if school is closed due to bad weather.**

**Please pick alternate date and site.**



## Kim Baldwin works in 15 south central counties

As a way to get to know your outreach counselor, we are featuring Kim Baldwin in this edition of the *Counselor Connection*. Different counselors will be featured in future editions.



Kim works with students, parents and counselors in 15 south central Kentucky counties as an outreach counselor for KHEAA and The Student Loan People. The outreach program seeks to increase the state's college-going rate, tell Kentuckians about the advantages of continuing their education after high school and provide information about the agencies' services and financial aid programs.

**Counties:** Adair, Boyle, Casey, Garrard, Laurel, Lincoln, Marion, McCreary, Mercer, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Washington, Wayne  
**Years of Service:** 3.5

**Professional Goals:** Start a master's degree in Professional Counseling in the spring of 2008.

**Educational Background:** BA in English literature from ECU.

**Dream Vacation:** Australia.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family, church, and boating.

**Personal Motto or Favorite Quote:** "She who laughs, lasts."

**Personal Hero:** My mom.

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## Reminder about scholarship, photo contest deadline

Students from your school still have a chance to be featured on next year's covers and inside the books — and one of your juniors may win a \$500 college scholarship. Here's how it works:

KHEAA will award a \$500 scholarship, usable at the Kentucky college of the winner's choice, to the junior who does the best job of telling us why his or her high school is the best in the state. In addition, someone from KHEAA will come to that school to take pictures for use in KHEAA publications.

Entries must be no longer than 200 words. They can be mailed to Publications, KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798, faxed to 502.696.7574, or e-mailed to publications@kheaa.com. The deadline for receiving entries is Nov. 1.

# PROMOTE YOUR SCHOOL

## SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

**How it works:**

**WRITE AN ESSAY** telling us why your high school is the best in the state.

We pick the best entree.

The winner gets a **\$500** college scholarship and you and your classmates become models for next year's KHEAA publications

**Win \$500 for college**

**The rules:**

1. Essay entries must be **NO LONGER THAN 200 WORDS**. School name should be at the top of your essay, but not in the essay itself.
2. The deadline for receiving entries is November 1, 2007.

Mail your "Promote Your School" essay to:  
KHEAA, Publications Section  
P.O. Box 798  
Frankfort, KY 40602-0798

You can also fax it to (502) 696-7230, or e-mail to publications@kheaa.com.

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